

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES
OF
LEGISLATORS

AND
STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

County.—Washington.

REPRESENTATIVE H. R. VON BIBERSTEIN is a native of Prussia, whence he emigrated to Texas 29 years ago. He is now 53 years old, a man of family, and resides at La Bahia Prairie, near Burton, in Washington county. He is a professional surveyor, and a farmer. He was surveyor of Washington county from 1866 until removed under the acts of Recon-

struction, not being able to take the iron-clad oath ; was appointed county surveyor by Governor Davis, and then voted out of the office by the Republicans of his county in 1872 ; was elected as a Democrat to the lower house of the Thirteenth Legislature, to represent the counties of Burleson and Washington, and served as an efficient member for the entire term ; was the Democratic nominee for a seat in the lower house of the Fifteenth Legislature and received a majority of the legal votes cast in the election.